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AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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JACOB KUHN AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

JACOB¹ KUHN was born about 1712, and his native place is said to have been Gochsheim or Gochsen in Württemberg. In 1882 his great great granddaughter, Mrs. Martha A. (Kuhn) Clarke, visited Gochsheim, which has been in Baden since the time of Napoleon I., but was told that the public records were burned in 1739, and could obtain no information as to her ancestors. She wrote to Gochsen, but learned nothing. In "Peters Hof" near Heidelberg there is a monument to a Jacob Kuhn, but the writer has no copy of the inscription.

Among the effects of the late George Wyser Kuhn was a certificate of good character, dated at Carlsruhe in Baden in 1736, recommending one John Jacob Kuhn and signed by Georg Jacob Finck "Ober meister" and by two others. It is probable that this document was brought to America by Jacob Kuhn, and it suggests the theory that his original name may have been John Jacob.

Some years since I noticed the name of Abraham Kuhn in a list quoted from the Massachusetts State Archives, and published in some historical work or periodical, which had reference to Indian affairs in what is now Maine about the period of the Revolution or shortly before. It seemed of no special interest at the time, but subsequently a great granddaughter of Jacob Kuhn, when she was upwards of ninety years of age, stated that in her youth she had heard a story that Jacob had a brother named Abraham Kuhn and a brother-in-law by the name of Abraham Weddock, both of whom were expelled from a German university for sedition, and came to America together, and lived among the Indians in the wilderness of Maine.

The only reason for mentioning this improbable tradition, is the above coincidence. Unfortunately many hours of patient research have failed to re-discover the printed list.

Jacob Kuhn came to America in 1754, bringing with him his family, and was drowned, together with his eldest son, near the mouth of the Kennebec river, November 28, 1763. It has been said that the place has since been known as Kuhn's or Coon's Point, but I have never seen it indicated on a map. Jacob was a staunch Lutheran and several of his religious books are still preserved. The old German bible that he brought with him was printed at Meiningen in 1710 and contains portraits of the duke, Ernest Ludwig, and of the duchess of that principality.

He married Margaret Weddock, who died in Boston September 24, 1792, aged eighty years, and was buried near the foot of the mall in the graveyard on the Common, but her remains were later removed to the family tomb near by, as were those of the four young children of her grandson Jacob Kuhn. She wrote her name Margarete. About 1770 she built a house on Nassau, now Tremont Street, and in her will dated September 13, 1784, proved October 30, 1792, she gave this estate, which had been her home, to her two sons, George of Boston, "mariner," and Jacob in the county of Essex, "distiller."

The Children of Jacob¹ and Margaret (Weddock) Kuhn were :

- i. JOHN MICHAEL,² b. in Germany and drowned at the same time as his father; unmarried. It has been said that his name was Abraham, but this appears to be a confusion with his alleged uncle of that name.
- ii. JACOB,² b. about 1738. Probably the Jacob Kuhn who died in Newburyport, September 17, 1808, where he had resided for many years. He married Mehitable ——— who died, and he married second December 6, 1781, Anna Moody. He married third July 8, 1799, Abigail Pike. Both of the two latter marriages were in Newburyport, and all of the children were born there.

The children were: 1 *Margaret*,³ b. Sept. 6, 1771; d. in Hudson, N. H., Feb. 20, 1855; unm. 2 *Sarah*,³ b. Nov. 25, 1782. 3 *Anna*,³ b. Aug. 7, 1785; d. in Newburyport, May 31, 1858; unm. 4 *Jacob*,³ b. April 27, 1787; said to have died young. 5 *John Michael*,³ b. Sept. 15, 1789; d. in Cambridge, Mass., June 16, 1861. He was twice married, and had two sons, but neither of them left children. 6 *Esther*,³ b. 1791, d. in Boston Aug. 15, 1867; unm. 7 *Mary*,³ b. April 27, 1793. 8 *Elizabeth*,³ b. June 19, 1794; d. in Boston July 27, 1880; unm.

2. iii. JOHN GEORGE,² b. in Königsberg, probably the town of that name in East Prussia, Aug. 1, 1740; d. in Boston Nov. 20, 1822. The fact that his elder brother's first name was also John seems singular, but apparently was the case.
- iv. MARY,² b. in America; said to have married in Boston, William White, an Englishman, and to have left the country at the evacuation of the town by the British. She is mentioned in her mother's will.

2. JOHN GEORGE² KUHN (*Jacob*¹). For many years he resided in the house built by his mother, and in 1793 became, by purchase of his brother's interest, the sole owner of the property. See Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 177, fol. 116. After he came to Boston he ceased to use his first name and was known as George Kuhn. In 1770 a George and a Margret "Cuhn" were petitioners to the General Court in reference to a Lutheran Church (Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 14, p. 586), but if they were identical with George and Margaret Kuhn it is the only known instance of either of the latter spelling the surname in that way. The names to the petition are not autographs. For many years George Kuhn attended Trinity Church (Episcopal), and all his children, except Jacob and George, were baptized by the Rev. William Walter. Although called a "mariner" in his mother's will, for a long period he kept a private school and twenty years ago some of his former pupils were living. He was tall, thin, and of light complexion. His private journal and some of his letters and books are in existence. The New-England Historic Genealogical Society has one of the latter, a religious work in German. He was a man of high character and much respected. His remains were placed in the family tomb on Friday, November 22, 1822, where rest many of his descendants.

He married in 1761 Anna Kohler, born in "Engelstein, a Town in Germany in Prussia in the Province of Natangen which lays 48 miles South East of Königsberg," September 18, 1737. She died in Boston November 4, 1821.

The children of John George² and Anna (Kohler) Kuhn were all born in Boston; they were:

3. i. JACOB,³ b. Nov. 25, 1763; d. Sept. 22, 1835.

- ii. MARY,³ b. April 1, 1766; bapt. Sunday April 6; d. July 26, 1829, and was buried in the family tomb. She m. in Boston, June 14, 1795, Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D. officiating, Benjamin Rice, who d. Jan. 8, 1832, and had one child, Mary,⁴ d. in 1800, aged three years.
- iii. ANNA,³ b. Feb. 11, 1768; bapt. Ash Wednesday, the 17th; d. in Boston Nov. 23, 1850. She m. in Boston April 5, 1795, Rev. Samuel West, D.D., officiating, Nathaniel Bradlee of Boston, b. April 27, 1770; d. April 27, 1836, and had 1 *Ann⁴ Bradlee*, b. Jan. 22, 1796; d. June 22, 1815. 2 *Nathaniel⁴ Bradlee*, b. July 5, 1798; d. July 2, 1802. 3 *Elizabeth⁴ Bradlee*, b. Feb. 4, 1801; d. in California Sept. 1, 1869; m. Nov. 8, 1848, Lawrence H. Kerr, who d. in Boston May 30, 1876, aged seventy years. No children. 4 *Mary Rice⁴ Bradlee*, b. May 5, 1804; d. June 3, 1804. 5 *Mary Rice⁴ Bradlee*, b. Oct. 17, 1805; d. March 22, 1884. She m. Nov. 21, 1830, Nathan Upham, who d. Dec. 3, 1874, aged seventy years, and had two sons. 6 *Margaret Abeline⁴ Bradlee*, b. Dec. 10, 1807; d. Aug. 17, 1880. She m. Nov. 14, 1830, her cousin Samuel West Bradlee of Boston, who d. Sept. 17, 1832, aged twenty-five years, and had a son and a daughter.
4. iv. JOHN,³ b. April 23, 1770; bapt. on Sunday, May 6th; d. March 12, 1820.
- v. ELIZABETH,³ b. Jan. 1, 1772; bapt. Sunday, 12th; d. in Harvard Mass., Oct. 12, 1833. She m. Isaac Bridge, who died in Harvard Sept. 16, 1833, aged sixty-three years, and was buried there (see gravestone). The children were: 1 *Abigail Gray⁴ Bridge*, b. Dec. 25, 1795; d. Sept. 12, 1840. 2 *Eliza⁴ Bridge*, b. March 17, 1798; d. in Cambridge Aug. 27, 1882. 3 *Mary Ann Cole⁴ Bridge*, b. June 4, 1800; d. in Cambridge June 25, 1882. None of them were married. 4 *Isaac⁴ Bridge*, b. July 11, 1802; d. Jan. 12, 1881, in New Orleans, where he had been a merchant for many years. He m. June 14, 1826, Mary B. Berry, who d. Dec. 21, 1855. She was the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Miller) Berry of Maine. Isaac and Mary Bridge had twelve children, most of them, perhaps all, born in New Orleans. Of the sons Henry Clay⁵ Bridge served through the entire war in the Louisiana Guard Artillery, Jones's Battalion, all or part of the time in Early's Division, Ewell's Corps, C.S.A.; and Robert Berry⁵ Bridge was also in the same battalion for seven months near the close of the war. 5 *Benjamin⁴ Bridge*, b. Oct. 4, 1811; d. June 30, 1858; m. May 25, 1852, Sarah Walker of Waltham, Mass., but had no children.
- vi. MARGARET,³ b. March 28, 1774; bapt. on Good Friday, April 1; d. May 15, 1856, and was buried at Mount Hope. She m. in Boston May 7, 1797, Rev. Samuel West, D.D., officiating, Thomas Ryder, who d. June 27, 1831, and had 1 *Bethia Hedge⁴ Ryder*, b. May 5, 1798; d. July 19, 1798. 2 *Mary Ann Hedge⁴ Ryder*, b. July 21, 1799; d. April 7, 1882; m. Nov. 6, 1826, Charles Redding and had five children. 3 *Margaretta Philippa Kuhn⁴ Ryder*, b. July 15, 1801; d. in Boston Jan. 25, 1894; m. Nov. 12, 1826, William Redding, who d. Feb. 8, 1837, and had three children. 4 *Sou⁴*, b. and d. Sept. 19, 1804. 5 *Thomas Philander⁴ Ryder*, b. Aug. 19, 1806; d. Nov. 21, 1852. Graduated at Harvard University in 1828. He m. March 29, 1833, Sarah P. Albee, and had three children. 6 *Nathaniel Bradlee⁴ Ryder*, b. April 23, 1809; d. in 1810.
5. vii. GEORGE,³ b. July 5, 1777; d. May 15, 1847.
3. JACOB³ KUHN (*John George² Jacob¹*), of Boston. In 1781 he became assistant to William Baker, the messenger of the General Court, and March 7, 1786, succeeded Mr. Baker and held the office forty-nine years. The messenger is now designated as the sergeant at arms. For particulars of Mr. Kuhn's long official life and for portrait, see the New-England Magazine for March, 1834, Vol. VI.,

p. 236. Also "Old Representatives Hall," 1895, and the Dedham Historical Register, Vol. II. When a young man he had a pew in the Hollis Street Church, and all his children were baptized in this church by the Rev. Samuel West, D.D. Early in the century Mr. Kuhn took a pew (105) in the West Church, and this pew remained in the family until recently, and was occupied for more than seventy years by his daughter Anne. The last thirty years of his life he suffered from pulmonary weakness and in the summer of 1807 was quite ill and went to Lincolnville, now in Maine, to benefit his health in the pine woods. His affectionate parents considered that he had gone a great way from home, and that there was danger of his being lost in the wilderness. [Letter of August 9, 1807.] On March 30, 1776, he was presented with a book by "his uncle John Geyer," and it is a problem why the boy called Mr. Geyer his uncle. There was a German merchant in Boston named John von Geyer. Jacob Kuhn became a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society in 1795, and of the Massachusetts Charitable Society in March 1800. In appearance he was not as tall as his father, and of a darker complexion.

He married October 10, 1790, Hannah, born May 13, 1760; died in Boston November 15, 1797; daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Rand) Frost of Cambridge. The marriage was performed by the "Rev. Peter Thacher, minister of Brattle street church, Boston." (Certificate.)

Jacob Kuhn married second in Boston December 1, 1799, Rev. Samuel West, D.D., officiating, Catharine Whitford, who died November 17, 1840. The children were:

- i. ANNE,⁴ b. July 5, 1791; bapt. 17th; d. Jan. 4, 1795.
- ii. HANNAH,⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1792; bapt. Sept. 2; d. Sept. 29, 1792.
- iii. GEORGE,⁴ b. Sept. 13, 1793; bapt. Sept. 22, 1793; d. Sept. 29, 1794.
- iv. JACOB,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1795; bapt. 11th; d. Oct. 20, 1795.
6. v. GEORGE⁴ (Horatio), b. Dec. 14, 1795; bapt. 27th; d. Feb. 21, 1879.
- vi. ANN⁵ b. March 27, 1797; bapt. April 16th; d. in Cambridge Sept. 3, 1880; unm. She was a prominent member of the West Church, and widely known for her benevolence and devotion to the poor.
- vii. JACOB,⁴ b. April 23, 1801; bapt. May 3; d. Feb. 14, 1836. His death occurred on board the ship "George Washington" of Wareham, Captain Gibbs, and was the result of an accident. He m. Dec., 1827, Elizabeth Chapman, and had 1 *Elizabeth Catharine Whitford*,⁵ b. Oct. 7, 1828; d. in Saco, Me., July 7, 1829. 2 *Elizabeth Catharine Whitford*,⁵ b. Feb. 25, 1830; d. in Somerville, Mass., Feb. 19, 1893. She m. July 19, 1853, Joel H. Priest, an artist, but had no children.

4. JOHN³ KUHN (*John George*,² *Jacob*¹), of Boston. In 1798 he lived on Cambridge Street. He became a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society in 1795, and of the Massachusetts Charitable Society in June 1804. He was joint owner with his brother Jacob of the family tomb in the Central or Common Burying Ground, and his remains were placed there. He married August 12, 1792, Sarah, born July 24, 1774; died December 28, 1816; daughter of Daniel and Mary (Sherman) Lapham of Fitchburg. The children were:

- i. SARAH,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1793; d. Nov. 2, 1832; m. Nov. 20, 1812, George Fuller, who d. in Medford, Oct. 7, 1849, and had eight children.
7. ii. JOHN,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1795; d. Sept. 25, 1878.

- iii. HANNAH,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1797; m. in Boston Oct. 30, 1814, Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D., officiating, William K. Phipps, and had eight children.
 - iv. ELIZA,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1799; d. Feb. 18, 1869; m. in Boston Jan. 2, 1820, Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D., officiating, James Bird, who d. Aug. 4, 1866, and had seven children.
 - v. EMILY,⁴ b. Dec. 13, 1801; d. Sept. 23, 1857; m. Dec. 30, 1824, Isaac Goodrich, who d. Sept. 18, 1848, and had five children.
 - vi. DANIEL,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1803; d. Oct. 23, 1810.
 - 8. vii. GEORGE COLE,⁴ b. April 8, 1806.
 - viii. CATHARINE,⁴ b. July 18, 1808; d. in England March 19, 1840; m. April 22, 1835, B. F. Foster, but had no children.
 - ix. MARY RICE,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1810; d. in Boston May 19, 1883; unm.
 - x. CAROLINE MATILDA,⁴ b. Dec. 15, 1812; d. in Boston March 12, 1876; m. Jan. 11, 1833, Francis Brown of Boston, who d. there May 4, 1895, and had two sons, the elder of whom is *Francis Henry Brown*, A.M., M.D., a prominent citizen of Boston. The second son d. in infancy.
5. GEORGE³ KUHN (*John George*,² *Jacob*¹). Early in the century he built a house on Pine Street, in Cambridge, and his children were born and died there. For many years Mr. Kuhn was a "marker of tea and prover of spirits" at the Boston Custom House. He married Nancy Wyser, who died in Cambridge November 29, 1860, aged eighty years and seven months. The children were:
- i. CAROLINE,⁴ b. 1807; d. May 28, 1885; unm.
 - ii. NANCY,⁴ b. 1810; d. Nov. 29, 1871; unm.
 - iii. JOHN MICHAEL,⁴ d. young.
 - iv. ALBERT,⁴ d. young.
 - v. GEORGE WYSER,⁴ b. 1818; d. April 25, 1893; unm. He was a man of high character, but eccentric in his dress, wearing a costume long since out of fashion. Prior to 1872 he was secretary of the National Fire Insurance Company, and for the ten or more years preceding his death was bookkeeper for Codman & Freeman, the real estate brokers. He was a regular worshipper at the Austin Street Church (Unitarian). He died suddenly in his sitting room, and was buried at Mount Auburn in the family lot.
6. GEORGE HORATIO⁴ KUHN (*Jacob*,³ *John George*,² *Jacob*¹). He was for many years a prominent citizen and merchant of Boston. For particulars as to his business career and public services see the memoir, by his grandson, published in the Dedham Historical Register, Volume II. pages 41-49 and 160, and Volume VIII., pages 48-49. Volume II. contains a portrait of Mr. Kuhn at about the age of sixty years. He married in Cambridge August 10, 1823, Martha, born there June 6, 1799; died in Boston, May 31, 1872; daughter of Major Walter and Martha (Tufts) Frost of Cambridge. The children were:
- i. AUSTIN,⁵ b. in Cambridge (ancient Austin house) May 22, 1824; d. in Boston Dec. 26, 1844. He graduated from Harvard University in 1843, and was a student of medicine. At college he was prominent at the semi-annual exhibitions, and was much interested in the Harvard Natural History Society, of which he was the corresponding secretary in 1842. He was a tall, fine looking young man, with a dark complexion, dark blue eyes and wavy brown hair, and possessed a high character, much energy and ambition. His nephew has a manuscript biography of him. Austin and his brother George Gileon each received a number of school and college prizes, including "first" gold medals at Chauncy-Hall School.

ii. MARTHA ANNE,⁵ b. in Boston Feb. 6, 1827; d. in Needham, Mass., Sept. 30, 1891. Educated in the private schools of Miss E. Guliker, A. Bronson Alcott, Mrs. Dwight and George B. Emerson. She early showed tastes for literature and art and was an accomplished classical scholar and linguist. Among her personal friends were Rev. Thomas Starr King, Dr. Thomas William Parsons, the poet, Edwin P. Whipple, John G. Whittier, Louisa M. Alcott, Celia Thaxter, Thomas Ball, the sculptor, and many others of note. In her youth she was an enthusiastic explorer of the White Mountains and is said to have been the first woman tourist who walked through the Dixville Notch. She first went to Europe in May, 1854, where she studied art for fourteen months, and later in life she travelled extensively. She took great interest in the New England Women's Club, of which she was an early member, and also in the Massachusetts Society for the Advancement of the University Education of Women. Many good causes enlisted her sympathy, and she did much for the poor. Her disposition was sunny and her life was most unselfish. She m. in Boston, Sept. 24, 1857, Rev. Ezra Stiles Gannett, D.D., officiating, Samuel Greeley Clarke (Harvard University, 1851), who died April 19, 1887, and had two children, *George Kuhn*⁶ and *Martha Anna*⁶.

iii. GEORGE GIDEON,⁵ b. in Boston Feb. 4, 1828; d. there Jan. 17, 1847, while a member of the senior class in Harvard University. On July 15, 1846, although then ill, he appeared for the last time at a college exhibition, having a Latin oration. He was vice-president and librarian of the Harvard Natural History Society in 1845, and his private collection of shells, one hundred and sixty-four varieties, is still preserved in the original trays as marked by him. He died of consumption as did his brother, whom he resembled in appearance, but was of a lighter complexion.

iv. WILLIAM PUTNAM,⁵ b. in Boston Oct. 24, 1839; d. in Paris, France, Nov. 21, 1896, leaving one daughter, *Grace Lillian*⁶. For memoir, with portrait, see the New-England Historical and Genealogical REGISTER for April, 1897.

7. JOHN⁴ KUHN (*John*,³ *John George*,² *Jacob*¹). He was educated at his grandfather's school, and at the public schools of Boston, including the Latin school. For many years he lived on Cambridge Street, and did business as a tailor in the Suffolk Building, Congress Street, and at 8 State Street. Later he was a manager of real estate and a collector of rents. For fifty-six years he was a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, serving as a trustee 1829-31, and secretary 1847-50. In June 1849 he became a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Society. He was a large stout man in his old age, genial and fond of cheerful company. At the time of his decease he was the oldest member of the West Church, although somewhat radical in his views as to religion.

He married May 4, 1829, Mary N. Phipps, who died June 26, 1872. The children were:

i. JOHN BRADFORD,⁵ b. Feb. 9, 1830; d. May, 1854; unm.

ii. MARY FRANCES,⁵ b. Jan. 15, 1831; d. Sept. 10, 1831.

iii. CHARLES HENRY,⁵ b. Aug. 29, 1832; d. in Boston Oct. 21, 1874. He was connected with the Boston fire department. He m. Annie Hawkins, but had no children.

iv. ELLEN AUGUSTA,⁵ b. Oct. 16, 1834; d. Sept. 18, 1873; m. Aug. 23, 1854, Eben Sperry Stearns, A.M., D.D., Chancellor of Nashville University, who d. April 11, 1887, and had four children.

8. GEORGE COLF¹ KUHN (*John*,³ *John George*,² *Jacob*¹). He married October 12, 1833, Emeline Chester, and had
- i. GEORGE HORATIO,⁵ d. young.
 - ii. HORACE,⁵ d. young.
 - iii. GEORGE ALBERT.⁵ Enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War and has not been heard from since. Supposed to have been killed.
 - iv. EMELINE,⁵ d. Dec. 13, 1850.

NOTE.—As there are a large number of persons, of other surnames, descended from Jacob Kuhn, the writer publishes this genealogy in the hope that it will be of value in the future.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:—

Page 3.—For Ernest Ludwig, read Ernst Ludwig.

Page 4.—Abigail (Pike), wife of Jacob² Kuhn, died in Newburyport October 12, 1806.

According to the Newburyport record of births, the full name of their daughter Esther³ was Esther Day, and she was born July 23, 1791.

Page 5.—The full name of Benjamin⁴ Bridge, son of Isaac and Elizabeth³ (Kuhn) Bridge, was Benjamin Rice Bridge, and he died in East Boston.

Page 7.—It is said that Emily⁴ (Kuhn) Goodrich, who died September 23, 1857, was buried in the family tomb, which is number 114.

Page 8.—The middle name of Mary N. Phipps, wife of John⁴ Kuhn, was Newell. *dan of Jesse and Elizabeth (King) Phipps, and sister of Capt. W. K. Phipps.*

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NOTES by George Kuhn Clarke on the Kuhn Genealogy published in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register for October, 1897, and also reprinted with some additions and corrections. The pages, as indicated below, are those of the reprint :

Page 3. Since publishing the genealogy I have obtained a copy of the inscription in "Peters Hof" of which the following is a translation :

This crucifix in honor and in memory of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died on the cross and of his mother standing sadly under the cross and of the Saintly Councillor Sir Johann Jacob Kuhn and his spouse Frau Johanna Catherina Kuhn has been erected. Anno 1767.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth : and though after my skin worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God. Job xix. 25 and 26.

This monument in consequence of the construction of the railroad was removed from the Small St. Peter's Cemetery and placed in the new cemetery May 10, 1860.

Paul Kuhn was one of the incorporators of "The German Protestant Society in the Town of Waldoborough." Acts and Resolves 1799, chap. 65. Approved February 28, 1800.

Margarete (Weddock) Kuhn bought the land on Nassau Street of William, Benjamin, and Ann Lowder, November 26, 1771, for £53 6s. 8d.

In the account of Jacob³ Kuhn, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of his grandmother Margarete (Weddock) Kuhn, from which we learn that her physician was Doctor Thomas Kast, is this item: "To Cash paid for a pair of grave Stones for the deceased 1.7.0." Whether a pair of ancient "cypher" earrings, said to have been brought from Germany and now in the possession of a descendant, belonged to her or to Anna (Kohler) Kuhn, is uncertain.

Page 4. The Rev. Thomas Cary officiated at the marriage of Jacob² Kuhn and Abigail Pike.

John George² Kuhn died "after an illness of twelve days." His home was on the west side of Tremont Street, between Eliot Street and Seaver Place, and apparently adjoining what was designated on the map of Boston from 1833 to 1870 as Kuhn Place, and which was built upon and obliterated in 1869 or 1870. On September 14, 1822, he deeded the property to his son Jacob,³ who sold the house in 1823, retaining some of the land until 1825. The house was taken down in March, 1840.

Page 5. Mary³ Kuhn, wife of Capt. Benjamin Rice, died in Charlestown. Elizabeth³ (Kuhn) Bridge was buried in Harvard (see gravestone). Mrs. Ryder was baptized Margarete, and wrote her name Margarete. Thomas Ryder (or Rider) lived in Boston in 1803-04 and was a "Painter & Glazier." The exact birthplace of Jacob³ Kuhn is not known to the writer, nor that of any of his children, except the youngest. According to the Boston Directory he lived on Nassau Street in 1789, on South Street in 1796, on Essex Street in 1798, and in 1799 or early in 1800 "the Dwelling house for the Messenger" was completed and occupied by him from that time until his death. By a resolve of the General Court, approved March 2, 1798, it was directed "that the Agents for building the new State House, be and hereby are directed to build at the expense of the Common-wealth, a small convenient Brick house, and ap-

purtenances, Not to exceed in dimensions forty feet by Twenty feet near to the State-House; for the Messenger of the General Court for the time being, to live in." This house was numbered later 46 Hancock Street, and was removed when the reservoir was built.

By resolve approved July 4, 1785, the governor was "to make the usual allowance to Jacob Kuhn, Door Keeper to the General Court."

In 1789 the salary of the messenger was fixed at £90 from March 7, 1787. In 1793 it was increased to £120, and on June 12, 1818, to \$1,000, "payable quarter yearly," and continued unchanged, with the exception of 1832, when \$916.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ were appropriated, until Mr. Kuhn's decease in 1835. In 1795 and 1796 \$100 were voted to him, from 1797-1804 \$200, in 1805 \$500, from 1806-1810 \$350, in 1811 \$450, from 1812-1813 \$550, from 1814-1815 \$600, in 1816 \$850, which was in full to May 30, 1817, in 1817 \$350, and in 1818 \$250. The amounts named were annual additions to the salary established in 1793, and there were other grants to him for special services. In 1794 among the bills which the General Court voted to pay was, "To Jacob Kuhn for riding Express to Lincoln & Princeton Octo 1793," £2. 2s. 0d. In 1798 the General Court granted him "fifty dollars per annum, for his services, in taking care of the Old State-House, to commence, from the 12th day of January last."

On March 5, 1806, \$100 were granted to the messenger "for superintending the repairs of the State House," and similar grants were made at other times. On June 19, 1806, with the yearly addition of \$350 to his salary, was "also the further sum of fifty dollars, in consideration of his present sickness."

On October 19, 1814, he was voted "eighty cents for each day he may be employed in taking care of the offices of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, agreeably to an order of the General Court of the 13th of June last." This compensation ceased in 1820.

As it was his duty to provide fuel and other supplies for the State House, to attend to repairs, and to keep the grounds in order, money was frequently voted to him for these purposes.

The Salem Mercury, in an article of some length, published soon after his re-appointment as messenger in 1834 or 1835, gives an interesting description of his dignified and courteous manners, and comments upon his remarkable knowledge of matters connected with the State Government, the important services he had rendered for many years to the successive executives and to the General Court.

The wish is there expressed that he would write some reminiscences of the many eminent men that he had known, including all the governors under the constitution. The writer mentions a considerable number of noted men of the period of the Revolution, such as John Hancock and Samuel Adams, and some of a later time, with whom Mr. Kuhn had been associated.

The Fifth Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, page 115, contains two anecdotes of Jacob³ Kuhn, and the New England Magazine for March, 1897, vol. xvi. p. 109, has a small picture of him.

Jacob³ Kuhn continued his father's carefully kept record of events in the family, stating the hour of the births and deaths, particulars of fatal illnesses, and the time and place of burials. This manuscript is in the possession of the writer.

Page 6. The correct spelling of the name of the sixth child of Jacob³ Kuhn was Anne.⁴ She resided in Boston for about twenty years after her father's decease, and the remainder of her life in Cambridge. She was most amiable and unselfish, and was esteemed and respected by all who knew her. In her old age she often repeated poetry learned in her youth.

In 1798 John³ Kuhn bought lot 10 on Cambridge Street, and owned an unoccupied house there according to the "Direct Tax" of that year. In 1799 he purchased lot 9, and appears to have built a double house jointly with William Kempton, the owner of lot 8; see Acts and Resolves 1799, chap. 82. The family lived on Cambridge Street for many years, and Mr. Kuhn died in his house there. Both of these lots were sold by his son John⁴ Kuhn, the former in 1858, and the latter in 1854. In 1796 and 1798 John³ was a tailor at 58 Newbury Street, now a part of Washington Street, and between Essex and Summer Streets, and in 1800, and until his death, was a merchant tailor at 13 State Street, with the exception of 1818 and 1820 when, according to the Boston

Directory, which is said not to have been issued in 1819, he was at 12 State Street. In 1818 his son John⁴ was associated with him under the firm name of John Kuhn & Co., and continued the business for about twenty years after his father's decease, and was for some years at 13 State Street. In 1806 John³ was a member of the Board of Health of Boston.

Page 7. Hannah⁴ (Kuhn) Phipps died in Hyde Park May 16, 1882. Her husband William K. Phipps moved to Framingham in June, 1816, and became captain of the Framingham Light Infantry. He was an excellent musician, and also an inventor of some note, and the originator of the Framingham India Rubber Company. He died in Framingham, December 21, 1865. For further particulars see the History of Framingham by Temple.

James Bird, Jr., husband of Eliza⁴ (Kuhn), was a merchant, and in 1825 lived in Charlestown.

George³ Kuhn does not appear to have held a position in the Custom House prior to 1827. Presumably he was the George Kuhn, "hatter," mentioned in the Boston Directory, who in 1820 was on Creek Square.

Page 8. John⁴ Kuhn for twenty years owned considerable real estate on Cambridge and Bridge Streets, besides that acquired by purchase from the other heirs of his father. From 1851-53 he was an inspector in the Boston Custom House, and in 1854 became a real estate broker, and agent. From 1856-'66 his office was in the Old State House. His home was on Cambridge Street, in the house that had been his father's, until 1855 or 1856, but in 1822 and 1823 he and his mother lived on Bedford Street if the Boston Directory is correct. After the sale of his real estate, Mr. Kuhn continued to live on Cambridge Street, or in the immediate vicinity. At the time of his decease he resided on Cambridge Street. He was buried in his lot at Mt. Auburn. His son-in-law, Rev. Eben Sperry Stearns, D.D., LL.D., Chancellor of Nashville University, also had a lot in that cemetery, and his remains and those of Mrs. Stearns and child are there.



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